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Applicant: Walker
Application No.: ~~10/833,372~~ 10/803,372
Examiner: Allana Lewin
Art Unit: 3764
Title: Collarless Barbell Sleeve
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WRITTEN SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

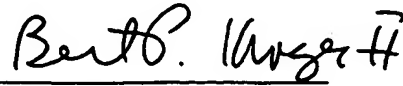
A telephone interview was held between the applicant's undersigned attorney and Examiners Allana Lewin and Stephen Crow by telephone on February 22, 2006. The applicant thanks the Examiners for the courtesies extended during the interview.

During the interview, claims 1-3 and 11-13 were discussed. The applicant's attorney raised the issue of what distinguishes the applicant's invention from Dalebout et. al. (US Pat. Pub. No. 20050079961) as cited in the office action, namely that Dalebout discloses a locking means that engages internal threads in a tubular weight bar whereas the applicant's invention utilizes plungers that directly engage the weight plates. Examiner Crow noted that Dalebout discloses a noncontinuous weight bar in which the plungers engage in the hollow medial section. He further suggested that the applicant put his arguments regarding attacking the prior art in writing.

The Examiners further suggested that applicant amend claims 1 and 11 with a recitation that

clarifies that the applicant's invention is to be used with weight plates with circular openings and to further utilize a whereby clause in the preambles to those claims; and that claim 11 be amended to recite that the plungers directly engage the weight plates.

Dated: February 24, 2006

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